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LETTER DATED 17 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter dated 14 December 1992 (S/24900/Add.3) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) of 9 October 1992, I should like to share with the Council further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 13 and 16 December 1992, there appear to have been 21 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as an annex to the present letter.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

Annex

Flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(13-16 December 1992)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
306	13 December	-	1220	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12655, was observed landing at Zaluzani airfield. This helicopter departed Zaluzani airfield on 11 December 1992 at 1027 (SRL 299). The UNMOs at the airfield were informed that the helicopter had been on a MEDEVAC mission in Prnjavor; however, this could not be confirmed. No ordnance was observed. The helicopter carried two passengers.	Unknown Slow 200 feet
307	13 December	1217	-	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12655, was observed departing Zaluzani airfield. The UNMOs were informed that the helicopter was on a MEDEVAC mission to Prnjavor; however, they had no way to confirm this. The helicopter was carrying two passengers. No ordnance was observed.	East Slow 200 feet
308	13 December	-	1807	A track was observed on radar originating from Karlovac. The slow speed of this track indicated that it was probably a helicopter. It flew in the direction of Cazin, where the track faded.	South-east Slow Unknown
309	13 December	-	1836	A track was observed on radar originating from Karlovac. The slow speed of this track indicated that it was probably a helicopter. It flew in the direction of Cazin, where the track faded.	South-east Slow Unknown
310	13 December	1750	1833	An Antonov-2 was observed landing at Cazin airfield with two passengers and 60 boxes. The UNMOs were told that the boxes contained medical equipment; however, they were unable to confirm this. It later departed with three wounded. It was tracked by ground radar flying from Cazin to Pleso airfield, where it landed. The UNMOs at Pleso airfield confirmed that the aircraft was an Antonov-2. The aircraft had no markings.	North-west Slow Unknown

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SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
311	13 December	1844	1938	An Antonov-2 was observed landing at Cazin airfield with one passenger and 60 boxes. The UNMOs were told that the boxes contained medical equipment; however, they were unable to confirm this. It later departed empty. It was tracked by ground radar flying from Cazin to Pleso airfield, where it landed. The UNMOs at Pleso airfield confirmed that the aircraft was an Antonov-2, showing the Croatian flag and crest.	North-west Slow Unknown
312	14 December	0905	1023	A Gazelle helicopter was observed by a UNMO departing and later landing at Zaluzani airfield. The UNMO was informed that this was a MEDEVAC mission; however, the UNMO saw nothing to indicate that this was true. The UNMO saw no weapons fitted to the helicopter.	South-west Slow 200 feet
313	14 December	1217	1321	An aircraft was tracked by AWACS flying from the coast, south-west of Mostar, along the river valley towards Mostar. The track faded 10 NM south-west of the town. The speed of the track is consistent with that of a helicopter.	North-east 75 KTS (87 mph) 8,000 feet
314	14 December	1550	-	A Gazelle helicopter was observed by a UNMO departing and later landing at Zaluzani airfield. The UNMO was informed that this was a MEDEVAC mission; however, the UNMO saw nothing to indicate that this was true. The helicopter was carrying four passengers. The UNMO saw no weapons fitted to the helicopter.	South-west Slow 200 feet
315	14 December	1718	1805	An Antonov-2 transport aircraft was observed landing at Cazin airfield by UNMOs. The UNMOs saw that the aircraft arrived with two passengers and 800 kg of cargo. The UNMOs were prevented from inspecting the cargo. The UNMOs saw the aircraft depart with seven passengers. The departing passengers consisted of three children (one male and two female) and four adults (two males and two females). One of the male adults was a stretcher case.	--

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SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
316	14 December	1730	1930	An Antonov-2 transport aircraft was observed landing at Cazin airfield by UNMOs. The UNMOs saw that the aircraft arrived with two passengers and 900 kg of cargo. The UNMOs were prevented from inspecting the cargo. The UNMOs saw the aircraft depart with seven passengers. It was not possible for the UNMOs to determine the exact details of these passengers.	--
317	15 December	2239	1156	AWACS detected an aircraft 11 miles east of Sarajevo/Butmir airfield. The aircraft was tracked to a position 10 miles north-east of the town of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	South-east Slow Low
318	15 December	1150	1155	AWACS detected an aircraft 16 miles south-west of Mostar airfield near the village of Metkovic. The aircraft was tracked to a position 5 miles east of the village of Metkovic. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-east Slow Low
319	15 December	1246	1253	AWACS detected an aircraft 6 miles north-east of Mahovljani airfield near Banja Luka. The aircraft was tracked to a position 7 miles west of Mahovljani airfield. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	East Slow Low
320	15 December	1258	1302	AWACS detected an aircraft 1 mile west of the town of Gacko. The aircraft was tracked to a position 3 miles north-west of the town of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-west Slow Low
321	15 December	1351	1408	AWACS detected an aircraft 3 miles south of the town of Gacko. It flew south-west to a position 8 miles south-west of Gacko where it turned north. The track faded 3 miles west of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	Various Slow 700 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
322	15 December	1537	1551	AWACS detected an aircraft 8 miles south of the town of Gacko. The aircraft was tracked to a position 5 miles north-east of the town of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-east 200 KTS Low
323	15 December	1605	1619	AWACS detected an aircraft 13 miles south-west of Mostar airfield near the village of Metkovic. The aircraft was tracked to a position 16 miles south-west of Mostar airfield. The speed of this aircrart indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-west 150 KTS Unknown
324	16 December	1108	1124	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 10 NM south-west of Gacko to Trebinje, 15 NM north-east of Dubrovnik. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	South 115 KTS (130 mph) Low
325	16 December	1253	1256	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 5 NM south-west to 10 NM north-east of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably fixed-wing.	North-east 225 KTS (260 mph) Low
326	16 December	1330	1338	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 5 NM south to 10 NM east of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-east 100 KTS (115 mph) Low
327	16 December	1330	1331	AWACS detected an aircraft flying from 10 NM south to 10 NM south-west of Gacko. The speed of this aircraft indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	North-west 120 KTS (138 mph) Low